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106 Halleck Place
Llysven Neighborhood
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Location: 106 Halleck Place

Date of Erection: ca. 1932

Description: Except for the patterned brick borders of the closed porch rail and the simple caps of the three square porch columns, this is a very plain, straight-ahead version of a brick-veneered American foursquare, a solid representation of middle-class comfort in the late 1920s. The two-story, wood-frame house has a hipped roof with a hipped front dormer, side chimney, and overhanging, enclosed eaves. A full front porch covers an off-set simple entry and a wide cottage window with a narrow rectangular light over a single large square pane. Double-hung windows on the rest of the facade and sides are symmetrically placed and accented by white shutters that are strictly ornamental. A modern one-story, one-room addition on the east side of the house has a side-gable roof and is clad in vertical wood siding.

History: This house has been in the possession of one family since it was built around 1932. I. Bruce Stuckey, a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, first built a "Llyswen cottage" at 104 Halleck Pl. in 1907. In 1928 he purchased the neighboring lot and had this house built, but did not live here until 1951. That he chose to invest a considerable sum of money in a rental property at the onset of the lean years of the 1930s very likely represents Stuckey's confidence in the long-term stability of the Llyswen neighborhood. After his death in 1952, his widow continued to live in the house, but the 1953 city directory shows her sharing it with boarders. Other Stuckey heirs managed the property as a rental after her death. Bruce Stuckey's grandson has owned and occupied the house since 1977.

Sources: Maps: 1932, 1951. City directories. Tax records. Deed books: 176/595, 403/9, 533/193, 905/104, 921/263, 946/340, 1000/240.

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